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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you in turn for your thoughtful note.

If one accepts ten years as the minimum mouldering time required for qualification as a true palimpsest, then the plasmid just makes it - although I don't recall being aware in 1963 that a disinterment was actually involved, since I was steered to your 1952 paper by someone else (probably Martin Pollock).

In any event, I would be more than pleased to have the opportunity of meeting you. I will try to stop by on my next visit to California, which may be in September.

Sincerely,



Richard Novick

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